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In re Application of :
Kazufumi MATSUMOTO, et al. :
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For: SYSTEM FOR SECURE CERTIFICATION OF NETWORK

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-referenced application, please amend the application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 1, after the title, please insert the following:

--RELATED APPLICATIONS

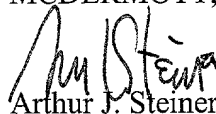
This application claims priority from U.S. Provisional Patent Application No. 60/179,010, filed January 31, 2000, and is incorporated herein by reference.--

REMARKS

This preliminary amendment is being filed to insert the related application information into the specification. Entry of this preliminary amendment is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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